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Examiner Bui - This is in response to your voice mail message left July 5, 2005 and is further to my voice mail message for you on July 6. I believe this claim amendment will solve the problem that you pointed out. Please make this amendment by examiner's amendment, if possible. Thank you. Rex Donnelly

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Proposed Amendment to Claim 23

Application Ser. No. 10/072,567 (Our ref: BSI-480US)

23. (Currently Amended) A braided modular stent comprising a first component and a second component, each component comprising an hourglass-shaped interface, each hourglass shaped interface comprising a reduced diameter section positioned between two sloped sections, each sloped section extending between the reduced diameter section and one of a plurality of nominal diameter sections, the reduced diameter section having a greater radial strength than the nominal diameter sections, at least one of the first component or the second component comprising a sealing region for providing an endoleak-resistant seal between the stent and a body lumen into which the stent is adapted to be installed, wherein the sealing region has ~~having~~ a spherical geometry.